

January 24, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman                      Jake Giardina  
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman                      Dale Dennis  
Ray Mayet    Francis Richard  
Barry Soudelier    Chris Domangue

Absent were: Lance Authement; Scott LeBlanc; Donald Schwab; Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Gilbert Braunig, Hancock Whitney Bank;  
Henry & Hattie Templet; Jerry Waguespack; Capt. Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise;  
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director;  
Heather Armstrong, Admin.Assistant

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of December 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the finance report for December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is still pumping with 3 pumps. Pump #1 was reinstalled and is working fine and Pump #2 is being pulled for repair.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to authorize him to execute the repair of pump #2 for an estimated cost of \$160,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to authorize Mr. Malbrough to execute the repair of pump #2 for an estimated cost of \$160,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are still moving forward with Hurricane Ida clean up.

Mr. Malbrough asked if we could amend the agenda to include a presentation from Hancock Whitney Bank on the Investment Account.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to amend the agenda to include a presentation from Hancock Whitney Bank on the Investment Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Bayou operations and asked the board for authorization to approve the installation of a temporary gauge, not to exceed 8,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the authorization to execute the installation of a temporary gauge, not to exceed 8,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gilbert Braunig with Hancock Whitney Bank gave a presentation on the Investment Account.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). Advertisement for bids has gone out and the bid opening is scheduled for April 14, 2022.

Mr. Malbrough stated that we are waiting on the delivery of the floating docks for the Weir Removal Project.

Mr. Malbrough gave an update on Hurricane Ida clean-up. The debris removal contractor is progressing to Donaldsonville and should be done by mid-February.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the annual adoption of the resolution for Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2021 audit.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2021 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed pay rates for attorney Barry Marionneaux as it relates to BLFWD legal matters.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the current Attorney General legal rates for Barry Marionneaux as it relates to BLFWD legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Floating Dock sales have resumed
- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou will be March 12, 2022 and will partner with Paddle Bayou Lafourche

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. There were none.

Chairman Hugh Caffery announced there was an executive session tonight to discuss Terrebonne Consolidated Waterworks Schriever Plant Expansion.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier and unanimously approved to return to regular session.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Chris Domangue to authorize Mr. Malbrough and Atty. Barry Marionneaux to proceed with the development of a plan to assist Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 (TPCWD) with their proposed expansion of its existing water works system within the jurisdiction of BLFWD. This authorization includes assisting TPCWD in acquiring property and/or acquiring servitudes to property relative to their proposed expansion. This authorization by BLFWD also includes developing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with TPCWD to be presented to BLFWD for approval in the future, as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer

